

2 for \$20

TWO PEOPLE, ONE RESTAURANT, TWENTY BUCKS



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Madeline and Kim Morstadt enjoy lunch at the Half Day Cafe in Wyoming.

This week: Half Day Cafe in Wyoming

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Everyone needs a nice, quaint place to get away from the world and just enjoy the day. And if you can find one with good service and great food, it just makes it all that much better.

The Half Day Cafe fits that bill to perfection.

THE MOOD

"Super cute" is a term some CiN staffers toss around on a regular basis when they discover something charming or kitschy. Visit Half Day and you'll see why the term isn't just applicable, it's appropriate.

Co-owned by Wyoming residents Dale and Patty Hipsley, Half Day Cafe is a classic neighborhood restaurant with modern appeal. While the lunch counter and booths are throwbacks to simpler times past, the bright interior color scheme is more *Trading Spaces* than *This Old House*.

The staff is just as friendly and diverse as the clientele were on our visit to the res-

JUST THE FACTS

WHAT: Half Day Cafe

WHEN: Open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Saturday

WHERE: 1 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming

PRICE: Breakfast \$2.95-\$7.95, lunch \$2.95-\$9.95, side items and soups 95 cents-\$3.95

PARKING: Small lot in back or on street parking

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taurant. Then again, when you have a power-of-positive-thinking quote from the Bible inscribed on your wall, it's hard to not be upbeat.

THE FOOD

It's a shame Sunday is the only day the Half Day Cafe isn't open: The menu is full of brunch-friendly dishes featuring a variety of interesting flavor combinations.

Still hungry for breakfast,

my friend loved her "egg strata" casserole of mushroom, tomato, onion and Monterey jack cheese (\$7.95), which was served with rosemary potatoes. Unable to get the delicious-looking grilled salmon sandwich (\$9.95) without pushing the budget, I chose the roasted pork tenderloin sandwich (\$6.95). Dressed with apple butter and caramelized onions, the sandwich had a unique, pleasant taste.

THE DRINKS

My friend had a glass of water (free) while I tried a sizable fresh-made mango smoothie (\$2.95). It wasn't as thick as I was expecting, but it was tasty enough, so I didn't care.

THE DAMAGE: \$19.01

Despite being tempted to splurge an extra \$2.95 for a plate of the applewood-smoked bacon (which is the best-looking bacon I have ever seen in person), we made it under \$20 – until we left the tip.



2 for \$20's mission: Send two people out to eat with a budget of \$20. For past installments and to nominate your favorite cheap restaurant, go to CINWeekly.Com, keyword: **2 for \$20**.